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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

SPRING IS SPRUNG

Nothing like a vacation to make you lose your sense of perspective.

All the world-shaking issues, like Vietnam, whether Watts will become another Oakland, and whether Congress will repeal 14(b), stop shaking you up—if they ever did in the first place.

A glance through the daily mass media leaves you more bored than before.

Even a story like the use of prisoners to cut asparagus in San Joaquin County doesn't seem as bad as it might have a few weeks ago.

After all, it's a good deal for the prisoners, who get to keep everything they make over \$5 a day.

And so what if the growers and the state farm labor people are fooling the public into believing there's a shortage of asparagus cutters? At least the federal farm labor people are telling the truth: that the growers haven't tried much to recruit workers and aren't offering enough pay.

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INFERIOR PEOPLE?

But the fever of Spring, and the backlash of a brief vacation, fade further into the background as you read about a pretty 21-year-old Santa Barbara divorcee who was told by a Municipal Court judge that she would have to submit to sterilization or go to jail.

Mrs. Nancy Hernandez had committed a misdemeanor being in a room where marijuana was being used. She was also guilty of that other sin: being on welfare. And she hadn't bothered to get married when one of her two children was born.

In Nazi Germany, they didn't like the Jews. So Hitler ranted and raved that the Jews were inferior and responsible for Germany's ills. Then he sterilized some and killed a few million more.

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SHADES OF '30s

We haven't gotten around to killing unwed mothers on welfare yet. But the Santa Barbara case revives a disturbing echo of the '30's.

Should we have a double standard for those whose behavior is unconventional by society's standards—one for those unfortunately dependent upon public assistance, and another for everybody else?

And should the penalty for the first group of young people we consider imprudent be loss of their right to bear or father children for the rest of their lives?

What ever happened to the helping hand and the idea of rehabilitation?

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor maps final push before primary election



PAUL KATZ

Katz wins federal anti-poverty post

Paul Katz, director of the Central Labor Council's work Experience Project since it was launched a year ago, has been named assistant for labor liaison for the Western Region of the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity.

FIRST OF A KIND

In announcing Katz' appointment, Daniel M. Luevano, regional director of the OEO, noted that the CLC's program — financed with federal War on Poverty funds—was the first in the

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Cohelan talks before Central Labor Council

Labor in Alameda County mobilized this week for its biggest primary election effort in many years.

The final push was kicked off at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting, which included:

- A talk by Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-7th Dist.), who told unionists there's "a lot of work to do" before the polls close June 7 and urged rank-and-filers to help ring doorbells and carry the message to voters.

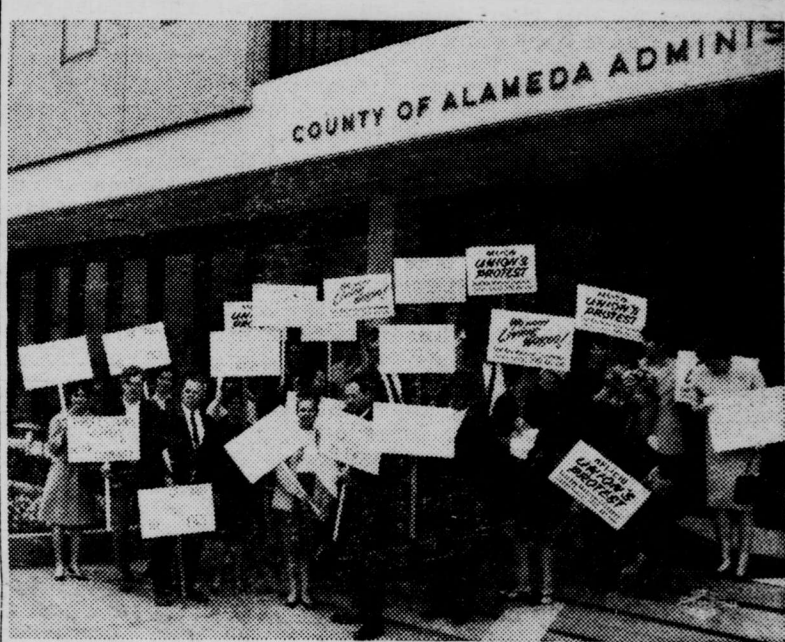
- A report by Edward O. (Pete) Lee on plans for precinct work by the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education (COPE).

Reporting for Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx, Lee called for "less talk and more help." He said volunteer workers are urgently needed to type precinct lists and distribute COPE campaign literature.

Volunteers can pick up literature in the COPE Office, Room 207, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, and distribute it on their own time or meet at the Labor Temple at 10 a.m. this Saturday or June 4, Lee said.

Cohelan, facing strong opposition in both the primary and general elections, told Labor

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EAST BAY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 390 members gather on the steps of the County Administration Building as they picket the Civil Service Commission to protest an "inadequate" 2½ per cent pay increase proposal.

'Pay us more--save money,' social workers tell county

Members of the Welfare Chapter of East Bay Municipal Employees 390 picketed the Alameda County Civil Service Commission meeting last Saturday.

Their aim?

To convince the commission that the county can save money by granting a 7½ per cent raise in the Social Worker II classification.

The commission, however, stuck to its guns in recommending only a 2½ per cent increase to the Board of Supervisors. Local 390 calls this "inadequate."

The Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 Tuesday afternoon for a 5 per cent raise in the Social Worker II classification, according to Dave Jeffrey, executive secretary of Local 390. Supervisors Sweeney, Murphy and Hannon voted "yes."

Referring to the Social Worker II category as "a benchmark position in the Welfare Department," Local 390 pointed out that last year the county granted a 5 per cent raise—2½ per cent to cover the increase in the cost of living, and 2½ to help in recruitment and retention of personnel.

Alameda County has an unusually high turnover in its Welfare Department because of low pay and poor working conditions, according to Local 390.

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COPE meeting cancelled

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education will not be held June 7. Instead, all delegates will be asked to report to the COPE office to help get out the vote, according to Ernie Perry, COPE president.



PRESIDENT RUSSELL CROWELL of Dry Cleaning & Laundry Workers International Union and Congressman Jeffery Cohelan swore in the new officers of Government Employees Local 3 at their installation meeting. Congressman Cohelan, whom COPE endorses for re-election from the Seventh District, commented on the emerging role of the public worker in the trade union movement and urged continuing organizing among public employees. Left to right in this photo are William Phipps, trustee; Andy Villanueva, vice-president; Crowell, Local 3 President Walter West, Congressman Cohelan, Wynda Atkins, secretary; Rudolph Perryman, treasurer; William Lewis, trustee; Bernice Shortridge, chief shop steward; Albera Buchanan, trustee; Joan Wilson, business representative, and Alberta Bean, trustee.

HOW TO BUY

There'll be some bargains in June!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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June is the month to take advantage of the first sales of summer clothing and piece goods with further reductions available in the clearances just before and after July 4.

This also is the month stores offer reductions on washing machines and dryers, and clear this year's television models at cut prices.

AUTO DEALERS are offering bigger discounts on new cars. Used cars take a cut after July 4.

Food prices have receded a little but will go up again when hot weather arrives, with no real relief from high meat prices especially, until late this fall.

THE PRICES YOU pay for necessities already are 3 per cent above a year ago. That means a typical family now pays about \$200 more a year for the same goods and services. Labor can't be blamed for this latest inflation. Prices have been going up faster than labor costs. The currently higher interest rates have increased credit costs of both businessmen and ordinary families.

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Families are still going into debt heavily for installment purchases, even though this is the worst time in years to incur debts because of the higher finance charges.

Here are current buying tips:

WASHING MACHINES: Prices are reasonable with many two-speed automatic models available under the \$200 level. The lowest-price washers usually have only one speed but provide two cycles, one for regular and one for the more fragile fabrics. Medium-price washers usually have two speeds, one for "gentle" washing and a three-cycle timer. But the highest-price or "deluxe" washers are basically just the medium-price models with a few additions such as greater variation in temperature, speed and washing cycle.

Among desirable features, often found on medium-price as

well as the costliest models, are cutoff switches in case of an unbalanced load, and a safety if the lid is lifted, especially desirable if there are small children who might do that. Make sure the filter is easily accessible if it is not the self-cleaning type. Underloading washes cleaner and helps protect the motor from burning out. But there is no way of checking on maker's claims of capacity, except for visual observation of tub size.

MEN'S SUITS: Men's suits cost more this year. Sales and clearances of summer-weight suits start late in June, offering 20 per cent and more off early-season prices. For a man or boy who wears a suit or sports jacket only for dress-up occasions, the lower-price blends of rayon with polyester (Dacron, Fortrel, etc.), offer relatively good crease-resistance and wear. For regular and hard use, the preferred blend is polyester and worsted.

You can find the polyester-worsted blend in suits of moderate-quality construction. Look for a lapel that rolls a little and springs back into shape when you crush it (indicates hand tailoring). Not whether the horizontal grain of the fabric is truly horizontal across the shoulders, and the vertical grain follows the crease in the trousers, and whether the sleeves hang straight with the lengthwise yarns vertical. Beware any signs of puckering at seams; see if pattern is matched at seams. Inspect pockets closely to see if made of closely-woven material and cut generously.

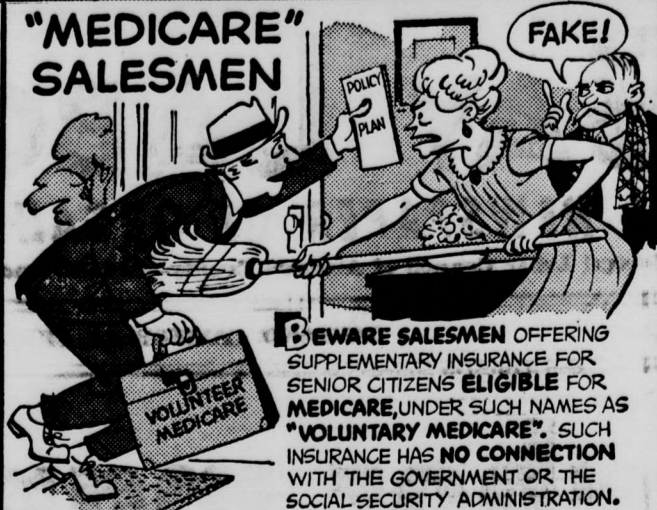
FOOD BUYING CALENDAR: June is the flush season for milk and cheese products, with prices lowest of the year. Both milk itself and cheddar cheese are high in protein value for their cost, and can be used in many dinner dishes.

Eggs are still relatively reasonable this month. Other high protein buys include canned salmon and tuna fish. Prices are reasonable for both broilers and turkeys. Beef is in better supply than pork. Look for relatively reasonable prices on beef cuts that need stewing or simmering.

YOUR MONEY'S WORTH

by Sidney Margolius

"MEDICARE" SALESMEN

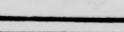


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Millmen 550

BY CLYDE JOHNSON

Robert Treauhaft was endorsed for district attorney in Alameda County by Mill-Cabinet Union 550 at the May membership meeting. John Miller was endorsed for the Assembly in the 17th District, and William Bennett was endorsed for attorney general.

There is a great need for men with the guts to fight on labor and civil rights issues, and the above offices are of particular concern to our future success.

For the first time in the memory of most members of Mill-Cabinet Union 550, we have a large unemployed list in May. There were 36 names registered last week, and not all unemployed members had signed the book. Also, several shops have gone on either a four day week or six hour day. Normally in the month of May all members are working, we are scrambling for apprentices, and some shops are working overtime.

There is a sharp slump in building. The prospects for a pickup are poor according to the usual indicators.

In the past 10 days, several noted economists have blamed the war in Vietnam for the slump we are in now.

"By this fall you'll hear a lot of yelling about recession. The war makes us unstable." These words by Dr. Pierre Rinfret, senior economist of the Lionel D. Eddie Co., should be fair warning to labor.

The Lionel D. Eddie Co. is a nationwide firm serving as economic consultants to hundreds

of major union pension trusts, including our own Mill Cabinet Pension Trust.

Dr. Rinfret said the war in Vietnam is overextending our economy so much that this may be the first war in U. S. history to hurt rather than help the nation's immediate business future.

Elliot Janeway, head of a New York financial research firm, says, "The stock market has only begun to retreat. By next year it will be a shambles, and we'll be in a money panic. The big investors have already left the market."

Profits for the fat cats are reported to be the highest in U.S. history.

We are faced with unemployment and with greater pressure from slum competition from out-of-state.

There is already 12 per cent unemployment in Oakland.

Danger signals have been screaming at us for some time.

Many Bay Area labor leaders lived through the Great Depression of the 1930's like I did. They should speak out now before Johnson's brutal fiasco in Vietnam drags us into a major depression.

Are leaders of labor so completely committed to Brown and Johnson they can only echo administration policy?

Where are the Dow Wilsons with the guts to fight for independent policies aimed to benefit the membership?

Must we always wake up too late with too little?

After the June 7 primary election, there should be a conference of East Bay unions willing to fight for jobs, to fight slum competition from out-of-state, and to oppose the fiasco in Vietnam.

In the meantime, I will support a brave and brilliant young man named Robert Scheer, who is a candidate for Congress in the 29th District. I will also support Mark Comfort, a civil rights leader, running for State Assembly. We are in urgent need of courageous young men to oppose the war in Vietnam and fight for jobs.

The Gallup Poll today (Monday) announced a majority of Americans are opposed to the present mess in Vietnam.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

642's Straight Line

BY MARVIN MARTIN

From the California AFL-CIO Newsletter, I felt the following article would be interesting to our readers:

The High Cost Of (So-called) 'Right-to-Work'

Factory blue collar workers in the 19 so-called "right to work" states earn \$24 a week less — or more than \$1,000 a year less — than workers in the rest of the nation.

These are the figures indicated by the U. S. Department of Labor's most recent data (for September, 1965). The data shows that, in the "right-to-work" states, factory workers earned an average of \$2.18 an hour versus \$2.80 an hour in non-RTW states. This works out on a weekly basis to \$90.90 versus \$115.25, a loss of \$24.10.

Moreover, average maximum unemployment compensation benefits in the 19 "right-to-work" states are more than \$8 a week lower than the benefits paid in the 32 free states (including the District of Columbia) \$41.37 a week versus \$49.75, a loss of \$8.38.

Still worse, the injured worker in the 19 RTW states gets a maximum weekly benefit for temporary total disability of only \$39.51, versus the \$55.08 average weekly benefit paid by free states. So the worker injured on the job in the RTW states loses an average of \$60 a month while he's laid up.

That's a pretty high price to pay for what the 19th Century-minded businessmen who finance the National Right-To-Work Committee like to claim is the "sacred right to work" without paying a fair share of the cost of contract negotiations, enforcement and the like.

Of course it's never mentioned that what they really mean is the right to work at low wages so business men can maximize profits by exploiting human labor.

Apparently they figure the public is too stupid to understand such complexities. It seems evident too that they're convinced union members are too lazy to write enough letters to the editor to make the public understand.

Maybe they're right.

UNSAFE LADDERS

I passed by a job this week where a Carpenter was working on a ladder which was sitting on a pile of loose lumber. We have men who have lost six months' time from the same setup. My advice to all carpenters is that it's your responsibility to work safely at all time. The boss cannot be on your back to see that you follow all the safety laws.

It is your LIFE, your INCOME, your FAMILY, who suffer from this kind of folly.

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5-N. California Congressmen back Cohelan re-election

Five of Congressman Jefferey Cohelan's Northern California Democratic colleagues in the House have enthusiastically endorsed his re-election on his record of solid achievement.

The five are Don Edwards and George Miller, from the East Bay; Phillip Burton of San Francisco; Robert Leggett from Solano County and John Moss from the Sacramento Valley.

"We know how tirelessly he has fought for programs of particular concern to the citizens of his own and surrounding counties," they said in a joint statement.

"Jeff Cohelan has represented his constituency, the state of California and the United States in the highest tradition of government service.

"He has seen much of the legislation for which he was an early advocate enacted into law—medicare, aid to education, immigration reform, end of the bracero law, civil rights and conservation of our wilderness areas."

"Jeff Cohelan is as concerned as any and more effective than most members of the House in his efforts to bring peace to southeast Asia."

New Council delegate

Tom Grecula, representing Building Service Employees Local 18 was given the obligation as a delegate at this week's Alameda County Central Labor Council meeting.

Extremists?

Here's what William M. Bennett, candidate for the Democratic nomination for state attorney general, said when accused of appealing to extremists within his party:

"Yes, I admit that I appeal to extremists who are extremely concerned about the Delano situation, racial justice, in Watts, Oakland and Marin City."

Bennett is currently a member of the State Public Utilities abolition of the death penalty, and facing up to our problems Commission.

Office Employees down Teamsters in NLRB vote

Office & Technical Employees Local 29 was the 2 to 1 choice over Teamsters Local 856 in a three-county National Labor Relations Board election in the milk industry.

Local 29 got 110 votes to the Teamsters' 52 as office and clerical employees of 10 milk companies balloted in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Mateo counties.

Tactics of the Teamster Local in going after Local 29 membership have been condemned by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

In another election, Local 29 was chosen as bargaining agent for more than 165 employees of the J. C. Penney Regional Accounting Office in Oakland, despite threatening rumors that the office would close down if the union won.

Rumford gets only local endorsement by Alan Cranston

Assemblyman W. Byron Rumford, endorsed by COPE and many labor and community groups, has the distinction of having State Controller Alan Cranston's first and only local primary endorsement in his race for State Senate.

"By Rumford has been one of California's most dedicated, effective and progressive legislators," Cranston said. "We must retain someone of his splendid caliber at Sacramento."

OVER-ALL RECORD

Cranston noted that Rumford is best known for his sponsorship of the Fair Housing Law, just declared constitutional by the State Supreme Court. But, Cranston added:

"Byron Rumford has compiled an enviable record in Sacramento which goes far beyond just one law.

"He is also known throughout California for his able sponsorship of legislation in the field of public health, such as measures providing for rehabilitation of narcotics addicts, hospital construction and for purchase and administration of polio vaccine."

PRaises Achievement

Rumford, the state official summed up, "has represented his large and important Assembly district faithfully and excellently."

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Four oil unions get together in Standard of California

A program to end traditional fragmentation of union effort and substitute mutual help on organizing and collective bargaining is under way in the huge Standard Oil Company of California.

Four unions, representing every step in company operations from extracting crude oil from the ground to selling the finished product to the motorist, have agreed to an unprecedented joint action pledge.

FOUR UNIONS

The four unions are Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers International Union and the International Union of Petroleum Workers, both AFL-CIO affiliates, and the unaffiliated Western States Service Station Employees Union and Petroleum Workers Union.

They speak for more than 15,000 workers who make up a majority of the big company's non-supervisory employees.

The trailblazing agreement was signed after a daylong conference at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. It follows last year's successful three-month boycott against the company, staged by OCAW, IUPW and other unions and which was called off when Standard raised its contract terms to parallel those agreed to in the rest of the industry.

A conference spokesman, Joseph Applebaum, OCAW organizing coordinator, declared:

Standard Oil of California is one of the five largest and one of the wealthiest oil firms in

the nation. It has long been able to play employe groups off against each other, frustrating collective bargaining aims.

"This agreement is a major step in ending fragmentation of union efforts and should result in substantial improvements for members of all organizations."

MUTUAL AID

The conference invited unions not present to join in the agreement. Its terms:

1. Coordination of collective bargaining efforts.

2. Mutual organizing programs under which the unions will cooperate in completing organization of the company.

3. Joint meetings of officers and stewards of different unions and joint training efforts.

The conference set up a four-man subcommittee which is to meet July 7 at OCAW Local 1-561 headquarters in San Pablo, to work out implementation of the program.

Data before the San Francisco meeting indicating that Standard of Cal can afford to meet reasonable union economic proposals included the company's \$391,200,000 net profit in 1965, up 13.3 per cent from 1964, a return which union economists set at 11.9 per cent of net company worth.

NLRB election

Contra Costa County Retail Clerks 1179 has won a National Labor Relations Board election to represent employees at Lee Bowman Motors, Concord.

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Re-Elect COAKLEY!

Labor endorses J. Frank Coakley, District Attorney, Alameda County.
Election: June 7, 1966.

The following Councils and Unions support, recommend and endorse Alameda County's District Attorney, J. Frank Coakley. We urge that all members of organized labor go to the polls on June 7th and vote for J. Frank Coakley, a competent qualified and honest District Attorney:

Alameda County Building Trades Council
Maritime Trades Port Council
California Conference of Machinists Non-Partisan League, Alameda County Lodges
District Council of Painters No. 16
United Steel Workers L-E Committee
Painters Union Local No. 40
Painters Union Local No. 127
Painters Union Local No. 1178
Glaziers Union Local No. 169
Sign Painters Union Local No. 878
Paint Makers Union Local No. 1101
Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters Union Local No. 1176
Carpet & Linoleum Layers Union Local No. 1290
Machinists Lodge No. 284
Machinists Lodge No. 1330
Machinists Lodge No. 1566
East Bay Automotive Machinists Local No. 1546
Machinists District Lodge No. 115
United Steel Workers Local No. 1798
United Steel Workers Local No. 3367
United Steel Workers Local No. 5450
Electricians Union Local No. 595
Plumbers Union Local No. 444
Carpenters Union Local No. 36

Operating Engineers Union Local No. 3
Roofers Union Local No. 81
Plasterers Union Local No. 112
Lathers Union Local No. 88
Retail Clerks Union Local No. 870
Bartenders Union Local No. 52
Culinary Workers Union Local No. 31
Cooks Union Local No. 228
Culinary Workers & Bartenders Union Local No. 823
Bakers Union Local No. 119
Butchers Union Local No. 120
Dining Car Cooks & Waiters Union Local No. 456
Printing Specialties Union Local No. 382
Printing Specialties Union Local No. 678
Sheet Metal Production Workers Union Local No. 355
Shipyard Laborers Union Local No. 886
Teamsters Automotive Employees Union Local No. 78
Newspapers & Magazine Drivers Union Local No. 96
Laundry, Dry Cleaners Drivers Union Local No. 209
Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Union Local No. 302
Bakery Drivers & Salesmen Union Local No. 432
Retail Delivery Drivers & Salesmen Union Local No. 588
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Warehousemen's Union Local No. 853
Chauffeurs Union Local No. 923
Bricklayers Local No. 8
Steamfitters Union Local No. 342
Carpenters Union Local No. 1158

PARTIAL LIST

If you desire your local union's name and number to appear in this ad next issue, contact:

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Retail Clerks Union 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

Nominations for a seat on the Executive Board of Local 870 will be held on Tuesday, June 14, at the regular membership meeting. The election for those nominated will be held on Tuesday, June 21 at the Union Office. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DRUG DIVISION

Those members covered under the Northern California Pharmacists, Clerks and Drug Employers Pension Plan will receive a summary of plan improvements effective Jan. 1, 1966. We plan to mail this summary to the members within the next week. This summary will show that, as the result of negotiations with the employers for increased pension premiums for the five years, the normal retirement benefit at age 65 will be increased from \$84 to \$115 per month. A new book-

let containing full details of the pension plan will be issued in the near future.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to announce the death of Brother Fiore Giovanni of Rico's Produce, who passed away May 16, and Brother Henry DeCoss, a long time employee of Guy's Drug, who passed away May 17. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of our deceased brothers.

Case appealed

The U.S. Supreme Court will be asked to rule on the right of a United Auto Workers' local to fine members who crossed picket lines in three strikes.

Dental plan list

Members of Machinists Lodge 68, San Francisco, have taken a pledge to win prepaid dental plans in all contract settlements, according to Stanley Jensen, senior business representative.

E. B. Muni Employees 390

BY DAVE JEFFERY

Local 390 members picketed the Alameda County Civil Service Commission meeting which was being held in the County Administration Building last Saturday. The picket line was to protest the inadequate raise of 2½ per cent which had been recommended earlier by the commission but which had been returned to them by the Board of Supervisors for further study.

Our union is asking that the social workers be given a 7½ per cent raise and the Welfare Director Hryar Terzian has also asked that they be given a 7½ per cent raise. To grant this increase would only cost the county \$66,000, as the rest of the cost would be carried by the state and federal governments.

Actually, the county will save money by granting the 7½ per cent raise, as it costs \$2,700 to

train a social worker, and the turnover has been high as 42 per cent, but a raise will go a long way to substantially cut this high turnover.

We wish to thank all of the people who showed up to help us picket on such short notice. The word went out late Friday afternoon, but we had people on the picket line Saturday morning. In addition to the welfare workers on the picket line, we had members from the following chapters: Assessors, City of Richmond, Juvenile Hall, Highland Hospital, Fairmont Hospital and Hayward Schools.

Also, we had two brothers from our sister union in San Francisco, Local 400. Several of our brothers were previously committed to assist our Alameda County COPE work on the political campaign; so they were unable to march with us.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

There were 164 delegates, representing 38 local unions and three district councils of our United Association members in the State of California who attended the 46th Convention of the California Pipe Trades Council, held this past weekend at Local Union No. 38's Konocti Harbor, located on the shores of Clear Lake, Kelseyville, Calif.

General President Schoemann, General Secretary - Treasurer Ward and other international officers were in attendance at this convention.

Twenty-one resolutions were presented for the delegate's consideration, and we are happy to report that the four resolutions presented by our local were adopted without any changes.

These resolutions pertain to the United Association's national agreement, employer's apprenticeship contributions presently being forwarded to the United Association's International Training Fund in Washington, D. C., and the interim agreement between the United Association and the Ironworkers International, which establishes jurisdiction.

Local No. 38 provided a most enjoyable banquet and other entertainment for the delegates, their wives and guests. We are most grateful to Local No. 38's Business Manager Joe Mazzola and his fine staff of officers.

Our new president of our state Association is Harold Conn, business manager of Local Union No. 38; William Francis, district vice president, Local No. 447, Sacramento, and the writer as secretary-treasurer.

Newly elected officers are Harold Conn and George Battany. Re-elected without opposition were Joe Mazzola, William Francis and the writer.

The delegates from this union were Lou Kovacevich, William Weber, Sr., Andy Anderson, Perry Davidson, Bennie Gosney, Jack Matheis and Doyle Williams. They will make their reports to the membership in the future.

Our next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, June 2, 1966. Please plan to be in attendance at this meeting.

Delano aid needed

Despite the breakthrough at Schenley, the Delano grape strikers still need help, the California Labor Federation said. Checks should be made payable to Farm Workers Organizing Assistance Fund and sent to the federation at 995 Market Street. Food and clothing can be sent to the AWOC Hall, 1457 Glenwood Street, Delano.



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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. June 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

HAYWARD SCHOOLS (H)

Wednesday, June 1, 8 p.m., Martin School, 1000 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo.

CITY OF BERKELEY

Tuesday, June 7, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

CITY OF RICHMOND (DP)

Wednesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

PORT OF OAKLAND (P)

Tuesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

CITY OF OAKLAND (F)

Wednesday, June 15, 4:45 p.m., Corporation Yard.

CITY OF EL CERRITO (C)

Monday, June 20, 4:30 p.m., Corporation Yard.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (H)

Wednesday, June 22, 8 p.m., Labor Temple, Room 220.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (F)

Thursday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., Day Room.

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

At their May 3 meeting, the Executive Board of Paint Makers Union, Local 1101, recommended to cancel the regular meeting of June 21, 1966, and call a special meeting for election of one trustee and to vote on a change in the bylaws, namely: Section 1 of Article VI, Monthly Dues and Delinquency Assessments. Two meetings have been scheduled so all members can attend.

DAY MEETING

June 28, 1966, at 1 p.m., Hall C, first floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland

NIGHT MEETING

June 28, 1966, at 8 p.m., Hall M, third floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The regular meeting for the month of June will be held in conjunction with the 8 p.m. special meeting.

These are special meetings; therefore Sections 5 and 8 of Article VII and Article VIII of the Local Bylaws shall apply.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM BOARDMAN,
Rec. Secty.

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 8 p.m. and the regular evening meetings at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIO BRANDT,
Secty-Bus. Rep.

U. C. EMPLOYEES 371

Our next regular meeting will be held Saturday, June 11, 1966, at the YMCA Hall, 921 Kains Ave., Albany at 2 p.m. Only Members in GOOD STANDING are invited to attend and this should be a very interesting meeting for all. Come, see what we have in mind and participate.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Secty.-Treas.

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, June 2, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m.

Last meeting before June primaries. Come and get the latest word on COPE-endorsed candidates.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secty.

SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Regular meetings of Local 1149 held at 2085 Third St., San Francisco, the first Friday of every month and at 115 Broadway, Oakland the third Friday of every month. Meetings start at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Secty.

CARPENTERS 642

Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at Carpenters Hall, 242 11th St., Richmond.

Local 642's supply of blood in the Blood Bank is depleted. In fact, it was necessary that we purchase blood from another local union in order to replace blood used by our members. The Blood Bank has helped so many of our members and their families, and we wish to continue to help all who need the services of the Blood Bank. A new assessment in the amount of \$1 is now due and payable in order to build back up the fund. It could be included with your next dues payment or sent separately to the union.

Awarded attendance prizes of \$5 each at the last meeting were Jose Gonzales and Delbert Kimbrough.

Fraternally,
M. H. MARTIN,
Secty.-Treas.

CARPET AND LINOLEUM 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, May 26th, at 8:00 p.m., Hall "C", Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland. There will be nomination of Officers.

AS OF THE Union meeting of March 24th, 1966, a motion was made, seconded and carried that dues would no longer be collected at the Union meeting but may be paid in Local Office (Room 114). The secretary will be in the office to accept dues starting at 6:45 p.m. For those who wish to pay by mail, the National Conference deaths are up to NC 229 and are due and payable now. Those paying by mail, please be sure to enclose your dues book which will be sent back by return mail.

PLEASE NOTE: Armstrong Cork Company will hold a demonstration on Wednesday, June 1st, 1966 at 7:30 p.m., Hall "H", Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland which will be regarding the installation of Cambrian Vinyl Corlon and other general information. We urge that as many Journeymen attend as possible.

Fraternally yours,
G. A. MCINTIRE,
Rec. Secty.

CEMETERY WORKERS 322

The meeting of June 7th is a Special Meeting. Members will vote on an increase in dues. This meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
PAUL KATZ,
Bus. Rep.

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Our next meeting will be a special all-day election, Thursday, June 2, 1966, with the polls open from 12 noon to 10 p.m., for the election of four delegates to the General Convention of the Carpenters, with the following brothers nominated:

C. R. Bartolini, Gunnar Benonys, Leo Brodeur, E. M. Crow, William I. Dorsey, Melvin W. Johnson, Margarito Leon, Frank Lindahl, Lonnie Moore, Walter Simms and Harry G. Yetter.

Local 36 will also elect four delegates to the California Labor Federation Convention, in which these brothers were nominated:

Oscar N. Anderson, Baltazar Aragon, Leo Brodeur, Lem B. Flanagan, Howell Frazier, Robert Griebel, Warren R. Hall, Sr., Thomas Hobbs, Melvin Johnson and Alfred Thoman.

Please be in attendance and vote for the delegates of your choice.

The Educational Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., June 22, 1966.

The stewards will meet on the fourth Thursday at 7:30, June 23, 1966.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Secty.

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary remains open Friday evenings. Our regular meetings are held every Friday at 8 p.m.

Our regular stewards' meeting will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

A Steward's Training Program is held the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The membership is invited to attend these meetings.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month following our regular meeting.

By motion our regular meeting of Friday May 27, 1966, has been cancelled due to the Memorial Day weekend.

All changes of address for the Labor Journal must be made thru the Finance Office.

Nominated for the Office of Treasurer of Local Union No. 1622. Frank Galsowski - Whitey Chapman - Gus Toensing - Paul Cre Means.

Nominated for Delegate to the 30th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, at Kansas City, Mo., Sept 19, 1966. Ernest Quick - Dan Timmerman Loren Auten - Paul Cre Means Frank Galsowski - Kyle Moon Virgil Brunstedt - Bill Minton - Cal Middleton - Charles Roe - Lester Strother - Herbert Kirkbride - Luther Curry - Whitey Chapman Vyril O. Anderson - John Timmons Roger Pervere.

Election for the office of Treasurer and election of Delegates to the General Convention will be held at the Special Called meeting of Friday June 10, 1966, at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Rec. Secty.

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Regular meetings are held the first and third Fridays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Southern Alameda County Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Our next meeting is a regular and special called for the purpose of electing a financial secretary, Friday, June 3, 8 p.m.

We will also elect one trustee, one delegate to the Building Trades Council and one delegate to the District Council 16.

Balloting will take place shortly after the meeting opens.

This is an important meeting, so let's show up and vote.

Fraternally,
R. H. FITZGERALD,
Rec. Secty.

BARBERS 134

Members, do not forget our next meeting. As stated in your official notice in the last issue, this is a Special Meeting, we will vote for a 15th Vice-President to the General Executive Board and for the nominations and elections of delegates to the State Convention.

The time is 8 p.m. Date—Thursday, May 26th.

Place—The Labor Temple.

Come out and vote for the good of your Union.

Fraternally,
AL MATTOCH,
Secty.-Treas.

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The Regular Meeting of Alameda County School Employees Local 257 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 11, 1966, at the Electrical Workers Hall (Porter Hall, upstairs), 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif.

The Executive Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Board members, take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 677

Meeting second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m., American Helenic Center, 324 37th St., Richmond.

Fraternally,
TOM WILKINS,
Secty.

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

There will be a special called meeting Thursday June 16, 1966 for the purpose of nominating and electing two Delegates to the 30th General Convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America at Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 19, 1966.

Reserve this night on your calendar and attend this meeting.

Refreshments will be served.

Please notify me by mail or phone if you are not getting your Carpenter magazine. My address is 4166 Whittle Ave. Oakland, Calif. 94602. Phone 261-2817.

Fraternally,
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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

There will be a special order of business at the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 7, 1966, for the purpose of acting on the subject of contributing 15 cents per member to the Educational Fund of the national Machinists' Non-Partisan Political League.

Fraternally,
DON OROSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meetings second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. 2267 Telegraph Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
JOHN FERRO,
Secty.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Regular membership meeting Friday, May 27, 1966, Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of each month at 8 p.m., Carpenters Hall, 1050 Mattox Rd., Hayward.

Fraternally,
AL CHASMAR,
Secty.

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local No. 194 meets each first and third Monday evening of the month at 8 p.m. The meeting place is the Veterans Memorial Building, 2201 Central Ave., Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your local's meeting.

The meeting June 6 at 8 p.m. is a special called meeting for the selection of delegates to the United Brotherhood convention in September.

Fraternally,
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Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi. Through the ages, folklore and old wives' tales insist the full moon affects human behavior. We don't say this is so, not even when some statistics indicate erratic antics occur under the full of the moon.

We mention this now because a full moon is scheduled for early June. This coincides with California's primary elections. This is our point: that the strange things happening at our polls are perhaps because of lunar lunacy.

Seriously, unions need to stay effective if we are to fulfill our aims for our members. Failure to elect our friends will see our foes gain control of various legislative bodies to the the degree

that anti-union legislation may be enacted.

Any modicum of stature achieved by unions in California is based upon the effectiveness of friendly legislators. If we fail our friends at the polls, who can we turn to, after the elections? Certainly not to our enemies.

We need your help now. Many of you don't attend meetings. Please, the very least you can do is to vote for candidates endorsed by COPE. These are candidates screened and determined favorable to working people. Don't be misled by tricky propaganda. COPE is a political arm of organized labor. Their endorsements are for the good of labor. Please help us to help you. Okay? Okay.

ED LOGUE, Machinists 284, reports that negotiations with Leslie and Morton salt companies—scene of a 17-week strike three years ago—have begun.

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have taken up the question of subcontracting of work with another employer last week. This will be the second case that has developed out of the results of the questionnaire we have had returned.

There are a few more subcontracting cases we shall look into, but we are taking them one at a time. A complete report on these matters was submitted to the Executive board and regular meeting of the union, and all actions of the union officers were approved.

The subcontracting of work cases are being taken up as direct action by the union. No individual member is responsible or should be held responsible by

any employer for this activity of the union.

After the union has made its approach to any employer re: "Subcontracting of Work," if any member feels that he is being questioned or approached too strongly by the employer re: this matter, please contact the union and give up the information.

I am sure the members will know which employers of the union has contacted without any advance information from the union.

Monday, May 30, is a paid holiday. If it is your regular day off, you should either receive a day's extra pay or an additional day off with pay. This is in accordance with the terms of the union agreement.

School milk program

The AFL-CIO has urged Congress to set up a permanent school milk program as "one of the best ways of improving the nation's health."

EBMUD job test

Applications for a civil service examination for assistant civil engineer with the East Bay Municipal Utility District must be filed by May 31. The examination is set for June 9. The post starts at \$763 a month and advances to \$850.

C.T.U. Local 208

BY LARRY ROSS

Membership meetings Wednesday, June 1:

Morning—8:30 a.m., Union Office, 428 13th St., Room 1010.

Afternoon—2 p.m. Danish Hall, 164 11th St., Upstairs.

Evening—4:45 p.m., Danish Hall, 164 11th St., Upstairs.

By the time you read this, the National Committee will have membership approval to call a strike against Western Union in order to win a good contract.

The company will use every trick in the book to obtain labor peace for two years as cheaply as possible. It will make offers designed to split the group in order to dilute bargaining power.

The NBC can recognize trickery and will reject offers designed to weaken the contract. It will use its wisdom and experience to do an excellent job for the membership; success depends entirely upon unflinching support from the members nationwide during the critical days ahead.

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Labor mobilizes for primary election; Cohelan speaks

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Council delegates that many important bills now before Congress are up against tough odds. He said he planned to leave the following day to return to Washington, D. C., so he could vote on the Minimum Wage Bill.

The Berkeley congressman described it as "a breakthrough bill" because it would add 26½ million workers, including many farm laborers, under federal minimum wage coverage.

Cohelan noted that enemies are trying to knock this expanded coverage from the bill and reminded delegates he has authored collective bargaining bills for farm workers in each session of Congress since he was first elected in 1958.

BUMPER STRIPS

Leslie K. Moore, business representative for Auto and Ship Painters 1176, urged all union members to put Cohelan bumper strips on their cars.

Lee, who has been assisting in directing COPE volunteers, suggested that union members "dedicate yourself to one night this week to walk one block of one precinct."

FEPC complaints

Persons wishing to file complaints on alleged job or housing discrimination with the State Fair Employment Practices Commission should write or visit the FEPC Office, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, or phone 557-2005.

No Meeting

There will be no Central Labor Council meeting Monday night because of the Memorial Day holiday, according to Edward Morgan of Paint Makers 1101, acting chairman at this week's meeting.

Berkeley school tax hike measure endorsed by CLC

The Central Labor Council has endorsed Proposition G on the Berkeley ballot.

The measure calls for an increase of \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation in the school tax ceiling.

Failure to pass will jeopardize quality of instruction, pay raises, and plans to hire needed additional employees, according to representatives of two involved unions.

Eric Anderson, president of the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, has predicted a "crisis" in the city's schools if the measure fails. The BFT asked for an even higher tax ceiling increase of \$2.70, as recommended by Superintendent of Schools Neil Sullivan.

Rodney Larson, business representative for Public Employees 1675, warned that defeat of the measure will also doom plans to keep classes small, provide more library facilities and improve reading and school lunch programs.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Katz wins labor position with OEO

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nation sponsored by a central labor body.

Katz, a veteran Labor Council delegate and member of Typographical 36, is also part-time staff representative for the Textile Workers and serves as business representative for Cemetery Workers 322.

A former plant superintendent for the East Bay Labor Journal, Katz will work closely with organized labor in his new assignment.

A lot of loot!

General Motors collected more money in 1965—its gross receipts were \$20.7 billion—than all except three countries in the world: the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain.

'Pay us more--save money,' social workers tell county

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As a result of last year's raise, the percentage in the classification leaving Alameda County employment dropped from 42 to 35.

This year, Local 390 seeks: 2½ per cent to cover further increases in the cost of living, 2½ per cent to maintain last year's recruitment and retention incentive, and 2½ per cent as additional incentive to social workers to keep their jobs here.

It costs \$2,700 to train a caseworker, according to the testimony of Local 390 before the Civil Service Commission. Thus, every time a caseworker leaves the county, it loses \$2,700.

To give social workers a 7½ per cent raise would cost about \$200,000. However, since the state and federal governments bear the larger burden of welfare costs, the county's share would be only \$66,000.

On the other hand, Local 390 pointed out, 108 welfare caseworkers left the county's employ last year. Ninety-four have left so far this year. Training their replacements, at \$2,700 each, has cost the county \$253,800, according to the Local 390 testimony.

In other words, the county would save \$187,800 in slightly less than two years by paying its social workers enough to keep them on the job!

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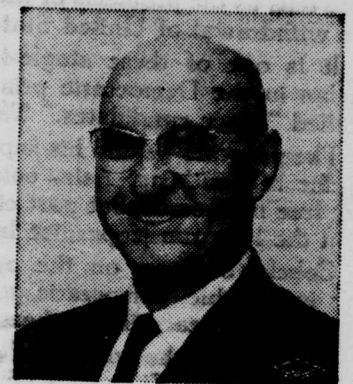
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Drastic action by the voters on June 7 is necessary to stop this arrogant disregard for the welfare of taxpayers and an established East Bay industry.

Unless this trend is reversed this year, about 1000 present Mill-Cabinet jobs will be lost in the East Bay. Members of the Union stand to lose pensions, health plan benefits, as well as their jobs!

We've had all we'll take in broken promises and arrogant snubs. Now it is the taxpayers turn at the ballot box. Being cut off at the pockets is perhaps all they understand.

We urge you to vote against exporting our tax dollars and jobs to cheap-wage, segregated industrial slums in the South or any other State.

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Cohelan's leadership must be kept in Congress

Congressman Jeffrey Cohelan stressed the need for free elections in South Vietnam in an important speech on the floor of the House of Representatives May 16.

Once again, Alameda County's Cohelan has hit the nail on the head. He has avoided the extremes of the "war hawks" on the one hand and, on the other of the fuzzy-thinking group which tells us the problems of the world can be solved by immediate withdrawal of United States forces from South Vietnam.

It is one of these single-issue zealots who is opposing Cohelan in the Democratic primary June 7. He is one of the so-called "peace candidates." This is obviously a misnomer.

The program he and his supporters espouse would increase disorder in Southeast Asia, enlarge the Communist threat to other free nations in that part of the world, if not everywhere, and in the long run jeopardize lasting peace efforts.

Cohelan's ideas, on the other hand, are more likely to result in a stable, democratic government in South Vietnam—and long-term peace in Southeast Asia.

Questioning the wisdom of any further escalation by either side of the war in Vietnam, Cohelan urged the United States to:

- Make absolutely clear "by word and deed" its irrevocable commitment to free elections.
- Push for these elections as soon as possible, and oppose any further delays by the ruling clique in Saigon.
- Insist that the results of these free elections be respected.

After the elections, the duly-elected government may request immediate withdrawal of U. S. troops, Cohelan pointed out. If it does, he said, the United States must comply.

The point is that withdrawal then would remove frictions, whereas now it would increase disorder and make democratic government and stable peace harder to achieve.

There is little value in beating the deadhorse of whether or not the U. S. should have become involved in Vietnam in the first place. As the result of actions by administrations of both political parties over a period of several years, we are there. The question at this point is intelligent action to solve the present crisis.

In his speech, Cohelan suggested possible ways to bring the costly conflict to the conference table, including a call for a truce during the elections and a further bombing pause.

He said the seizure of Da Nang by the Ky government underscores the importance of pressing for free elections in Vietnam.

The United States and Alameda County must not lose the valuable and constructive leadership continuously exercised by Congressman Cohelan on this and other crucial issues, including civil rights, farm labor, anti-poverty legislation and local programs to combat poverty and unemployment.

During his eight years in Congress, Cohelan has become one of the nation's outstanding young liberal legislators. His stature in the House of Representatives has been recognized by his appointment to several key committees, the latest of which is the influential Appropriations Committee. His deeds in Congress have won the respect of colleagues, and this has paid off for Alameda County in substantial anti-poverty and other appropriations to help local residents and stimulate the local economy.

The entire Alameda County labor movement—including every rank-and-file unionist in the Seventh Congressional District—has a vital stake in Cohelan's campaign for re-election. He needs precinct workers, doorbell pushers and other volunteers. Let's not let Jeff Cohelan down at this crucial time.

Two friends need our help

Two veteran legislators who have voted consistently for measures backed by organized labor face strong opposition in the June 7 primary. One is Jeff Cohelan, congressman from the 7th District. The other is Byron Rumford, a state assemblyman since 1949, now seeking one of Alameda County's two new State Senate seats.

These two men have helped unions win many of their legislative battles in recent years. Now they need our help. The Alameda County AFL-CIO Council on Political Education has urged widespread participation by rank-and-file unionists, as well as union officers, during the last 1½ weeks of the primary election campaign. You are urged to help at this important time.

Nail It High



STATE SUPREME COURT KILLS PROPOSITION 14

Proposition 14, the freedom-to-discriminate measure which the real estate industry pushed through the 1964 California election, has been nullified by the State Supreme Court.

The court found that the measure violated the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution which holds that all persons should have equal protection under the law. The decision reinstated the fair housing laws which Proposition 14 had repealed.

Equal protection is meaningless unless all have equal opportunity to rent or buy property without discrimination, the court ruled.

FREEDOM TO DISCRIMINATE

Proposition 14 granted "absolute discretion" to a property owner to rent or sell housing or to refuse to rent or sell to anyone, thus voiding the Rumford and Unruh Acts' prohibition of racial or religious discrimination in housing.

Although the head of the California Real Estate Association vowed that the state decision would be appealed to the Federal courts, prospects were reported bright that some \$120,000,000 in Federal construction funds would be released in the state.

The Federal government had held up the money, earmarked for urban renewal, because Federal money may not be used for segregated housing.

CONSTRUCTION JOBS

The Oakland Redevelopment Agency noted that the state Supreme Court ruling "now clears the way for some \$14,500,000 in Federal redevelopment funds for the Oak Center Project."

Release of Federal money in the state brightened prospects for more jobs through a "significant boost in California's lagging construction industry," the California Labor Federation commented.

The Federation said that officials of the Federal Department of Housing & Urban Development were reported to have indicated the state high court ruling would allow work to go ahead on 29 California redevelopment projects.

The court's 5 to 2 decision was written by Justice Paul Peek who declared that Proposition 14 was enacted "with the clear intent to overturn state laws that bore on the right of private sellers

and lessors to discriminate and to forestall future state action that might circumscribe this right."

'STATE A PARTNER'

Proposition 14's defenders had argued that all it did was put the state in a neutral position, allowing individuals to discriminate or not as they wished. But the court demolished this argument and pinned down the state's responsibility for discrimination under the terms of Proposition 14.

"It is apparent," the majority decision said, "that the state is at least a partner in the instant act of discrimination and that its conduct is not beyond the reach of the 14th amendment."

In Washington, the California ruling was hailed as brightening prospects of passage of fair housing provisions in President Johnson's new civil rights bill.

SAME GROUNDS

The Justice Department had assured Congress that fair housing is constitutional under the 14th amendment, the same grounds on which the California Supreme Court ruled.

The case was brought by a Negro postal employee and his wife who had charged that Orange County apartment house owners had refused to rent to them because of their color.

Attorney General Thomas C. Lynch announced that the ruling against Proposition 14 puts the fair housing measures back on the statute books and he will immediately begin to enforce them.

Candid camera

Meanwhile, yet another Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, Mayor Sam Yorty of L.A., spoke to a group of prominent Republicans in the Newport Harbor area the other day, urging them to register as "pseudo-Democrats, so you can vote against Brown in the primary." Among those who complied was Giles Kavanagh, the Birch Society's coordinator for Orange County. As Kavanagh moved within camera range of Yorty, ol' Sam shouted at the newspaper photographers: "Don't take a picture of him and me together — it'd ruin me!" Okay, Sam. Click — click — click. You're ruined. — Herb Caen, S. F. Chronicle.

OPINIONS

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UNIONIST URGES BENNETT SUPPORT

Editor, Labor Journal:

At the April 25 Central Labor Council meeting, the delegates were treated to a rousing pep talk on behalf of the COPE-endorsed candidates for state office. It was a lackluster performance, with most of the candidates' highest recommendation being that they were the lesser of evils involved. From fumbling Pat, who couldn't veto the union-busting Winton Bill or accept it for the special session because of its "controversial nature," to arch-conservative Bert Betts, they are with some exceptions a sorry lot.

The outstanding tragedy, however, is labor's support of Tom Lynch for attorney general against William Bennett. Under questioning, the State COPE representative was unable to explain this choice. I think we are entitled to an explanation, if one exists, of why a man is denied labor endorsement who has unceasingly fought alone despite the objections of other Democrats, including Brown and Lynch, for the interests of all our citizens against the giant utilities and made them cry "Uncle."

It is rare indeed that we have a candidate with such an outstanding personal record who stands so forthrightly for principles which others pay mere lip service. Can we see a comparison of the record that might lead to such an endorsement decision? Pending this revelation, I might suggest that the brothers and sisters of the council look into Mr. Lynch's record in dealing with the Agricultural Workers' strike, civil rights in San Francisco, and the activities of his office in the present court test of Proposition 14, just for a starter.

Here we finally have a contest where the choice is not "tweedily-dee" or "tweedily-dum" or the lesser of two evils, but the choice between a political hack and real fighter for the rights of the little man. If we chose Lynch over Bennett, then we truly deserve the kind of representation we are getting now in Sacramento.

Fraternally.

BRIAN B. O'BRIEN

President, Local 1570, AFT

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KILLING PEASANTS

Editor, Labor Journal:

The CLC loyalty to "old friend" Jeffery Cohelan is touching — almost as touching as the AFL-CIO loyalty to LBJ's foreign policy (annihilate those who disagree with us). The current protests in Vietnam give the lie, for the umpteenth time, to the notion we are saving a democratic government. Although, even if we were, the devastation of non-combatants might give one pause over our motives. There could be better ways of "fighting Communism" than killing peasants.

One would think that loyalty to an organization's supposed ideals — like international social justice, or even common decency — might take precedence over a robot-like devotion to the organization itself. The irony is that all labor gets for its sellout to the Democratic establishment is kind words every four years. At least Judas got 30 pieces of silver.

NEAL BLUMENFELD, M.D.

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NEVER TWICE

Success does not consist in never making blunders, but in never making the same one twice. — George Bernard Shaw.